

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Buckley, Supervisor Schadewald, Supervisor Borchardt, Supervisor Gruszynski
Excused: Supervisor Nicholson
Also Present: Director of Public Safety Communications Cullen Peltier, Jail Captain Heidi Michel, Security Lieutenant Scott Brisbane, Chief Deputy Bradley Brodbeck, Supervisors Deslauriers, Lund, De Wane, Evans and Deneys, Facility Manager Jon Morehouse, Public Works Director Paul Fontecchio, Medical Examiner Director of Operations Barry Irmien, Corporation Counsel Dave Hemery, Director of Administration Chad Weininger, Deputy Executive Jeff Flynt, Emergency Management Director Jerad Preston, Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest, other interested parties and media

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Buckley at 4:00 pm.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to take Items 18 & 19 after Item 1. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of March 6, 2019.

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public.

-Pat John, 528 Hartung Street, Green Bay, WI

John addressed the Committee regarding recent flooding of the East River. She feels the initial response was adequate in that residents were evacuated by boat, but after that, the response was inadequate.

John made a number of calls to various agencies looking for help cleaning out basements that were full of water, but she was not able to find anyone until there were local people on the news who said they would help. There was nobody from any organizations or agencies coordinating anything and no leadership. Emergency Management and 211 came up with a little help about a week after the flooding, but by that time many people had left their homes. John continued that there seemed to be a lot of confusion among the agencies she contacted and she does not understand why there was no help available. She said Fond du Lac's 211 and their United Way did wonders for their flooding victims but the flood victims in Green Bay were treated less than human, almost like criminals.

John continued that their flood insurance is very expensive and does not cover everything so they have to pay out-of-pocket before claims are taken care of. There are still houses that are red tagged and people have not returned. She said flood insurance only covers two floods in a couple years, but that is not good enough. Nothing is being done to prevent flooding and she said there is a pump not working on Porlier and Goodell Street and there are problems with flooding in that area.

John said the flood victims are being treated in the same way the injured Green Bay police dog was treated in that insurance only pays for a small portion of the expenses. She feels we need to look at what needs to be done to prevent flooding. Nobody will be able to sell their homes so something needs to be done. She said putting a bucket out on Mason Street for donations would bring in enough money in six months to be able to fix everything. This is about people's lives and their memories, not all about the money. People are losing a lot of things in this flood. John feels this flooding issue needs to be prioritized and time needs to be dedicated to talk about solutions and the response. She said the Fond du Lac United Way really came through to help their people and she feels Brown County needs to learn from that. She would like something like a pump house, or a lake or a hole, but something needs to be done now. If people take another hit like they just did, they will not come back to the neighborhood. John said we need to pull together like a community should, instead of everyone being left on their own. She does not know who is in charge of things like this.

1. **Review Minutes Of:**
 - a. **Criminal Justice Coordinating Board (April 9, 2019).**

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Although shown in the proper format here, Items 18 & 19 were taken at this time.

Presentation

2. **Presentation by Venture Architects regarding Jail Expansion and Medical Examiner Schematic Design.**

Bruce Wetzel of The Concord Group was introduced to the Committee. The Concord Group is the owners' rep for Brown County for the Jail/Medical Examiner project and, as such, is responsible for project coordination as well as design and construction oversight. Jack Blume and Cory Beyer of Venture Architects were also introduced to the Committee and presented the schematic design package which sets the footprint and floor points of the buildings. Due to the security needs of these buildings, the presentation will be high level and any detailed design questions can be addressed in closed session later in the meeting. A copy of the PowerPoint presented is attached hereto.

Following the presentation, Supervisor Schadewald mentioned the flexibility in the design and asked for an explanation. It was explained that the new jail pod will have seven sub pods and each of those are usually maxed out at 10 inmates per pod. Males and females can be put next to each other, but per the requirements there cannot be sight or sound between the two and that has been built into the design. Also, each cell, with the exception of some special needs, can accommodate any type of classification.

Staffing requirements were also discussed and Schadewald asked how much different the staffing will be in the new pod. Jail Captain Heidi Michel informed with the design of a direct pod, they would need one officer in the pod 24 hours a day. This could be done with two 12 hour shifts or three 8 hour shifts. Currently there are two officers 24 hours a day. The new design would require less staffing than what is currently needed.

Schadewald asked if there will still be savings by building both facilities together. It was indicated that there will definitely be savings. Having one contractor build both buildings will result in economies of scale that will allow savings and there will also be mobilization savings.

Supervisor Evans expressed disappointment in the presentation as it was a small standard overview. He understands the need for closed session for security reasons, but he would have liked to see more information presented in open session. Evans asked about the square footage of the projects and it was indicated that the square footage of the ME facility will be roughly 16,000 square feet and the jail portion will be roughly 28,000 square feet with mechanical space. It was noted that only about 25% of the design is done at this time so this is a very early update and thus there is not more information.

Supervisor Deslauriers asked for a ball park figure of the cost savings of doing both projects together. It was said that the cost savings to the overall project would likely be in the area of \$1 million dollars.

Evans asked for information on the configuration of the autopsy suites, coolers, etc. It was indicated that a medical examiner consultant has assisted in this, but at this point this will not be discussed further in open session.

No action taken.

Resolutions and Ordinances

3. 2018 Balanced Budget.

Director of Administration Chad Weininger said overall the County did very well last year. The fund balance will increase by roughly \$3 million dollars, but that will offset the \$3 million dollars allocated to Green Bay Packaging.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to approve and forward to Executive Committee. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Resolution Amending Membership of Criminal Justice Coordinating Board.

Weininger informed this Item also appeared on the Human Services Committee agenda and the action at that meeting was to refer back to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Board for clarification on the requirement of having a citizen member who is a mental health advocate.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to refer back to Criminal Justice Coordinating Board. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Safety Communications

5. Director's Report.

Director of Public Safety Communications Cullen Peltier thanked the Sheriff's Office, Green Bay Police Department and Green Bay Fire for their help in the active shooter training currently going on. He also wished to give kudos to his staff for their response during the recent flood as well as the recent presidential visit. Staffing is stable but they are down one-half an FTE, but that will likely not be filled until they are down at least one full position. Peltier concluded that they had a good turnout for the ceremony for National Telecommunicators Week and it was nice to recognize staff and give some awards for their hard work throughout the year.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Emergency Management

6. Director's Report.

Emergency Management Director Jerad Preston informed that his coordinator recently left and he will be recruiting to fill that position shortly. He also informed they are working with the City of De Pere to do a functional exercise on the change of Celebrate De Pere to the Brown County Fairgrounds. He concluded by saying they are about half way through the mitigation plan and the entire plan will be done by the end of the year.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to suspend the rules to take Item 20 at this time. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Although shown in the proper format here, Item 20 was taken at this time.

District Attorney

7. District Attorney Report.

No report; no action taken.

Circuit Courts, Commissioners, Probate

8. Budget Status Financial Report for November 2018.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Budget Status Financial Report for January and February 2019.

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Report re: The costs for court appointed attorneys. *Motion at March meeting: To hold for one month.*

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to hold for one month and ask Judge Atkinson or a designee to attend the next Public Safety Committee meeting to report. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Director's Report.

No report; no action taken.

Clerk of Courts

12. Clerk of Courts Report.

Clerk of Courts John Vander Leest provided a written report, a copy of which is attached. He outlined the information on the report for the Committee. He talked about his visit to GBCI and informed that inmates

do not have access to CCAP, but they are able to use other court websites to get forms and filing instructions and Vander Leest said his office gets a lot of requests and communications for those things from inmates. There were also several Supreme Court Justices and Circuit Court Judges on the tour and some of them asked the inmates what could have been done differently in their lives to not end up in prison. A lot of the inmates said it went back to not having supportive, involved parents.

Vander Leest also talked about the importance of crime victims keeping their addresses updated in the Clerk's Office so restitution that is collected can be sent to them. He said there will be an increase of restitution going back to victims of about three times the normal amount through the collections with SDC. The Clerk's office sends out hundreds of checks a month for restitution, but many are returned by the Post Office. An article Vander Leest provided is attached.

Supervisor Gruszynski arrived at 5:23 pm.

Borchardt asked why GBCI inmates are not allowed to use CCAP. Vander Leest answered that it is a DOC policy and part of it is to protect the identity of victims. Inmates are allowed to use WICourts.gov and the self-help law center website. With regard to restitution, Borchardt asked if people do not update their addresses to protect their whereabouts and Vander Leest responded that it is mostly due to people moving and just forgetting to let the Clerk of Courts know. Several years ago he was able to forward \$13,000 to a crime victim for restitution and more recently a \$10,000 check was given to a crime victim. Vander Leest said he does whatever he can to find people to forward restitution to.

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Medical Examiner

13. 2019 Medical Examiner Activity Spreadsheet.

Medical Examiner Director of Operations Barry Irmen reported that in 2018 they did 28% fewer autopsies than in 2016 and 2017, but 2019 seems to be back on the incline.

**Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Gruszynski to receive and place on file.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14. Medical Examiner's Report.

**Motion made by Supervisor Gruszynski, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to receive and place on file.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Sheriff

15. Update re: Jail Addition – *Standing Item*.

This matter will be discussed in closed session.

16. Budget Adjustment Request (19-033): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

This budget adjustment is to increase grant revenue and related supplies, equipment and outlay expenses to participate in a Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response grant through Wisconsin Department of Justice.

The grant provides for the purchase of a convert/multi-purpose vehicle and various surveillance equipment items and audio/video recording devices. There is no local match for this grant.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Gruszynski to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Sheriff's Report.

Chief Deputy Brad Brodbeck talked about the recent presidential visit and noted the Sheriff's Department had an incredible amount of support and cooperation from local agencies and the State Patrol.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Communications

18. Communication from Supervisor De Wane re: To discuss with possible action regulations for carrying guns in to certain county buildings per Mike Shea. *Referred from April County Board.*

Supervisor De Wane introduced his neighbor, Mike Shea, who contacted him regarding an inconsistency in the County ordinance regarding carrying guns in certain County buildings. Shea said the East Branch Library is posted that firearms are not allowed, but that seems to be about the only County building that is posted. He uses the East Branch Library a lot so this matters to him. He does not understand why only that Library would be posted and not the others.

Public Works Director Paul Fontecchio provided a copy of the current ordinance regarding firearms, a copy of which is attached. The portion of the handout in red is something that will need to be added because the STEM building is on the UWGB campus. Fontecchio does not know why the East Branch of the Library is posted as it does not appear that it should be posted from the current ordinance. He noted that the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office are not included in the ordinance because those are covered under State Statutes. Any other buildings that are restricted should be included in the ordinance. The Library has separate maintenance staffs, but Fontecchio will check with them to find out why it is posted. He will keep the Committee advised on this and this will also be referred to Corporation Counsel to proceed with getting the STEM building added to the ordinance.

Schadewald noted that there may be some discretion when it comes to posting by the constitutional officers and this is something he would like clarified by Corporation Counsel.

Borchardt asked if there are other public spaces that the County is in charge of that would fall under State Statutes such as the Zoo or golf course. Buckley said the only areas specified in the Statutes are the Sheriff's Office and Courthouse. He explained that when concealed carry went into effect, there were extensive discussions at both the City and County level of where restrictions could and could not be put into effect. Fontecchio added that what is currently in effect seems to be working fine.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to refer to Corporation Counsel and Public Works for clarification regarding the posting at the East Branch Library and broader explanation. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. Communication from Vice Chair Lund re: To have Human Services and Public Works look at how we can organize flood relief response in Brown County. *Referred from April County Board.*

Lund said it seems like Fond du Lac County has a good blueprint on their website regarding procedures regarding flood events. He feels Brown County could work with the United Way and volunteer groups to get information on resources put together. He feels coordinating efforts at the County level and having the information on the County's website would be a big help to flood victims, especially since flooding seems to be happening more often with the way weather trends have been changing.

Buckley said Emergency Management will be discussing this a little later in the meeting. He agreed that it was frustrating for those that needed help during the flooding as well as for those who wanted to help. Schadewald said this can be received and placed on file and then addressed further under Item 20.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

20. **Communication from Supervisor Buckley re: Have Emergency Management give a breakdown on the East River Flood Responses at the May 1 Public Safety Committee meeting. *Referred from April County Board.***

Buckley asked Emergency Management Director Jerad Preston to outline the response to the recent East River flooding. Preston provided a handout, a copy of which is attached.

Preston said the response started on a Thursday morning when the Public Works Director informed Preston that flooding was likely in the southern part of the County and asked him to do some public information to help with road closures. As roads were being closed, Emergency Management was utilizing social media and e-mails to send out the road closure notices. The flooding started out in the County and then worked its way into the municipalities. Preston was informed at 3:00 pm that GV was going to be closed from 172 to the roundabout and that is when the decision was made to activate the Emergency Operations Center. One of the first calls was to Lamers because they had 80 busses out at the time which would not be able to come back to the station so other arrangement needed to be made. As the water continued to rise, Preston worked with the Sheriff's Department, Public Works, Highway Department and Public Safety Communications to monitor the situation. The flooding was the result of a number of things including snow melt, ice jams and both the East and Fox Rivers being frozen.

As the day continued a code red message was put into effect for a Bellevue neighborhood because the water was 3 – 4 feet over the road and residents there were advised to shelter in place and were told they were not able to enter or leave their properties. The issues on GV continued and water started getting near the Sheriff's Department as well as an adjacent assisted living facility. Emergency Management was working with the assisted living facility to see what their census and plan was in case of an evacuation. The Sheriff's Department had made the decision to use the M Rap as a triage transport vehicle because it is a high tire vehicle that would be able to get into flooded areas. Water continued to rise and flooded parks in Allouez and then flowed onto the roads. As the flooding progressed into the City of Green Bay, City officials came into the Emergency Operations Center to coordinate their efforts and response on evacuating homes within the City.

Preston continued that each 211 and United Way is an independent organization that runs on their own; none of them operate the same way. Preston asked 211 to take damage reports and residents were also directed to call 211. The County also put in a request for Team Rubicon but that request was declined because they were going to Fond du Lac instead. Preston noted that Fond du Lac County EOC was never activated; the Emergency Management Director went to the City and supported them.

In the County we were about \$3.29 per person on the threshold, which gives about \$830,000 in damages across the County, but the County did not meet the threshold which is set by the federal government which is about \$950,000. That amount has to be met before the County can ask for any assistance and Preston

noted the State came up about \$5 million dollars short and only had about \$3.5 million in damages statewide. When looking at individual assistance from the federal government, they want to see 582 homes major and destroyed, which is flooding of 6 feet or more of water in the primary living space (not the basement).

As the week progressed, Preston continued working with Wisconsin Emergency Management trying to find a volunteer agency that could carry their own liability to come in and help, but it was a real struggle because of the flooding going on in North Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska which was getting a lot of press and that is where the big volunteer organizations were going. United Methodist did send a small group to Green Bay and helped out several home owners. The Highway Department and local municipalities came up with the numbers that were submitted to Wisconsin Emergency Management, but unfortunately the numbers did not meet the threshold.

Buckley asked for explanation of the liability aspect for volunteers. Preston explained that Wisconsin Emergency Management sets liability at \$1 per person in the municipality to cover volunteers. For example, for the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin Emergency Management would be responsible for the first \$104,000 of liability. For the County, there would be \$250,000 for liability if someone got hurt.

Schadewald asked about the contact number the public should be using in these instances. Preston said that 211 is what is set up here and noted that the State is trying to standardized the procedure across the state rather than having each 211 organization operating independently. He also noted that the 211 call center in Green Bay closes at night and all calls are rerouted to other parts of the State. United Way operates 211. Schadewald asked about the connection of the County with 211. Preston said the County has a mutual agreement with 211 for them to take our damage assessment calls if we request it. Schadewald asked what County departments are involved emergency responses. Preston said Health and Human Services, ADRC, Highway Department, Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management are involved in these matters and each of these departments were involved during the flood event. A question was asked about Team Rubicon and Preston explained it is a group of veterans who volunteer to help out in any type of incident.

Preston continued that in the State of Wisconsin every disaster is managed at the lowest local level possible. Once local jurisdictions max out the resources, they go to the County for help. During the flooding here, the County's responsibility was the road closures and getting public information to the residents for the supporting jurisdictions. He was asked by Allouez and Bellevue to send out messages. When the County maxes out agencies, we go to the State of Wisconsin who then goes to FEMA when they are out of resources.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

David Litton introduced himself to the Committee and informed he is the Fire Chief for the City of Green Bay as well as the Village of Allouez – Green Bay Metro Fire, and he is also the emergency manager for both entities by ordinance. Every time there is some major event going on in the City, they almost immediately interact with the County. Ultimately under state law, any declaration from the State has to go through the County. The County then intercedes and interacts with the State. With regard to the flood incident, the City of Green Bay did have members of the City at the Emergency Operations Center starting at about 9:00 pm. Around 3:00 am is when he was notified of the flooding situation starting on the East River and they proceeded accordingly.

Litton continued that he understands the questions, concerns and angst, and stated that there is a neighborhood meeting scheduled for May 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Anne Sullivan School on Deckner Avenue. The City Planner has been in contact with the neighborhood association to let them know of the meeting. A full timeline and Power Point will be presented of everything that occurred and everything the City did and did not do and there will also be information presented by County agencies.

Litton also said when they started making requests for volunteer assistance, Fond du Lac had already made the same requests the day before because their flooding started a day earlier and Fond du Lac essentially garnered all of the assistance available in the State. The national organizations were focused on the flooding along the Mississippi River and into Iowa and all the way down. This involved hundreds of miles of flooding while the area affected in Green Bay was about 81 houses along the East River.

With regard to liability, Litton said there are things that both the City and County have to be aware of when volunteers are coming in. At the time of the flooding event here, there was some doubt that the appropriate insurance existed, at least on the City's part. Litton also said the last time there was flooding here was in 1990 and the area that flooded is exactly where the flood plain is designated. He understands this information does not really help anyone, but noted that the City does not control flood insurance or the rates or what they pay for claims. He acknowledged the insurance is expensive, but it is required.

Evans asked if there were any other departments that assisted Green Bay and if there was, what capacity they helped in. Besides the County organizations that were mentioned earlier, New Franken, De Pere and one other organization sent boats for rescue which occurred over a period of six hours because multiple trips had to be made as some residents did not want to go.

Buckley said he talked to people several weeks after the event and found that there were people that wanted to help out, but they did not know how to go about making connections. It seemed there was a large communication gap with the 211 system. Buckley feels Emergency Management should have played a larger part, especially in the form of communication. Litton reiterated that when you start using volunteers from the community, there are issues of liability, workers compensation and a number of other issues. As part of the after action report on this event, this issue will be addressed at the neighborhood meeting. Buckley understands the liability issue, but said there were a number of residents who were not in their houses that did not know where to turn.

Preston said the County does not have anything to do with people being allowed back in their houses; that is done by the City. Preston said as the 211 process is standardized across the State, communication should be better.

-Mickell Perry, 1504 Eliza Street, Green Bay, WI

Perry said there are many houses in her area that had a lot of damage and there are still four that are condemned. She questioned the national fundraiser for Pyro, the City of Green Bay police dog as well as a fundraiser currently going on for the large fire in De Pere recently but there was nothing set up for flood victims. She has not received anything from her flood insurance yet and has to pay for things out-of-pocket. Schadewald explained that the fundraisers she mentioned were started by private individuals; none of those would have been initiated by a government entity. Buckley understands the frustration but said the County does not get involved in fundraising.

Pat John spoke again and said she called Fond du Lac for help and they advised her that there were different branches of 211. Fond du Lac advised that they go to other counties and train them. She said local people can be volunteers if they go through training. She said we don't have to reinvent the wheel; all we need to

do is follow what Fond du Lac is doing. John did not want to do a Go Fund Me because of the accounting process.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deslauriers agreed with Schadewald regarding the issues with the 211 system and feels there is a better way to coordinate services. He is not minimizing the flooding in Green Bay and said in his district the flooding was largely along the East River and dealt with road closures and culvert washouts. Public Works dealt with the lion's share of the work in his district and did a great job. He found the County's response in his district was appropriate and repair work that needed to be done happened in a timely manner after the emergency was over.

Preston said Brown County's 211 has been in contact with Fond du Lac since the flooding event to find out how they handled it and to learn some things. Preston reiterated that each 211 is independently operated and the County only has an MOU with them. He noted that there are counties that do not use 211 at all. 211 is only as good as the person taking the call. Buckley asked Preston to find out the procedures for counties that do not use 211.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to refer to Emergency Management Director to bring back information regarding the 211 system to the next Public Safety Committee meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

21. Communication from Supervisor Deslauriers re: Whereas the Brown County Board of Supervisors has the legal authority to restore 'Protective Occupation Participant' status to Brown County Corrections Officers and, Based on the criteria established in Wisconsin Statute 40.02(48)(a), the "principal duties" of Brown County Corrections Officers "involve active law enforcement," requires "frequent exposure to a high degree of danger or peril," and also requires "a high degree of physical condition," and Based on chronic Correction Officer understaffing (that will potentially be made worse with the expansion of the Brown County jail), that it is important to the health, safety, and welfare of Corrections Officers, our inmates, and the general public to provide a stronger incentive package to attract and maintain Corrections Officers, and Based on the costs of restoring protective status when compared to the costs to recruit and train new Corrections Officers, Brown County sees the financial value of restoring protective status. That the Brown County Board of Supervisors supports restoring and funding 'Protective Status with Social Security' for Brown County Corrections Officers. *Motion at March meeting: To refer to April meeting and include a closed session on the agenda.*

At this time, Weininger pointed out that the individuals waiting to go into closed session regarding the Jail and Medical Examiner project are being paid by the hour and asked that the closed session regarding the Jail and Medical Examiner's Office be taken at this time.

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Gruszynski to hold Item 21 until after Item 22 a, b and c are concluded. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this time, the Committee went into closed session on Item 22a.

Prior to the Committee going into closed session on Item 22d, the following took place:

Deslauriers stated his opinion that we should not be going into closed session concerning his communication. He stated we are in the same position as we have been since 2014 and either we were doing it wrong to discuss in

open session then or we should not go into closed session now. He wanted to know why the agenda listed a closed session for discussion of this issue and stated he was blindsided by the discussion in an earlier meeting that we could not discuss certain things about granting protective status to our corrections officers in open session. Deslauriers also mentioned the ability for a board to go into closed session in an emergency situation, even if it was not listed on the agenda.

Corporation Counsel Dave Hemery spoke about the reasons his opinion was that we should go into closed session. He stated he had been informed by the ETF there were a number of appeals on this issue. He e-mailed ETF and even though he learned one appeal had been withdrawn, there were still a number of potential appeals to deal with. Due to the legal appeals, monetary considerations, and other potential county liabilities concerning the issue of granting protective status to our employees now, he stated his opinion was that we should discuss this in closed session. Hemery stated that both the communication to give jailers protective status and the pending appeals, center on whether jailers meet the three elements necessary to receive protective status, so both the communication and the pending appeals need to be discussed in closed session. Hemery also explained the rules concerning going into closed session in an emergency and stated he would not recommend it.

Chair Buckley agreed that closed session is proper. Supervisor Gruszynski stated he understands the frustration of Deslauriers concerning this issue. Deslauriers responded that he would forego his objection about going into closed session.

Closed Session

- a. **Open Session:** Motion and Recorded Vote pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1) regarding convening into closed session for the following purpose: *Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), the Committee shall convene into closed session to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or the conducting of other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, in particular, discussing confidential and security sensitive information, and viewing confidential and security sensitive documents, regarding the investing of public funds for the construction of the Jail expansion and of the Medical Examiner's Office.*

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Borchardt to enter into closed session. Roll Call Vote Taken. Ayes: Schadewald, Borchardt, Buckley, Gruszynski. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. **Convene into Closed Session:** Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1), the Committee shall convene into closed session for the following purpose: *Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), the Committee shall convene into closed session to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or the conducting of other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, in particular, discussing confidential and security sensitive information, and viewing confidential and security sensitive documents, regarding the investing of public funds for the construction of the Jail expansion and of the Medical Examiner's Office.*
- c. **Reconvene in Open Session:** The Committee shall reconvene into open session for possible voting and/or other action with respect to the closed session item mentioned above.

No action taken.

- d. **Open Session:** Motion and Recorded Vote pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1), regarding going into closed session for the following purpose: *Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel regarding oral advice concerning strategy and other legal issues with respect to litigation in which Brown County is or is likely to become involved in, in particular, with respect to the over twenty appeals that are in litigation involving the issue of whether County Jailers qualify for Protective Employment Status.*

Motion made by Supervisor Borchardt, seconded by Supervisor Gruszynski to enter into closed session.
Roll Call Vote Taken: Ayes: Schadewald, Borchardt, Gruszynski, Buckley. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- e. **Convene into Closed Session:** Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1), the Brown County Board of Supervisors shall convene into closed session for the following purpose: *Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel regarding oral advice concerning strategy and other legal issues with respect to litigation in which Brown County is or is likely to become involved in, in particular, with respect to the over twenty appeals that are in litigation involving the issue of whether County Jailers qualify for Protective Employment Status.*
- f. **Reconvene in Open Session:** The Public Safety Committee shall reconvene into open session for possible voting and/or other action with respect to the closed session item mentioned above.

No action taken.

Other

23. **Audit of bills.**

Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Gruszynski to acknowledge receipt of the bills. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

24. **Such other matters as authorized by law.**

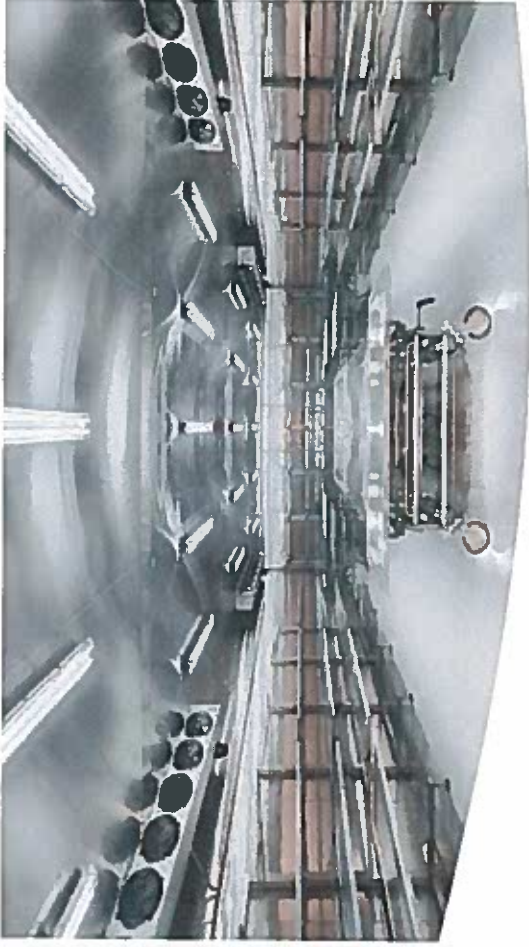
Supervisor Gruszynski stated his concern that our Public Safety meeting this month was held at 4:00 pm which is not in accordance with the County Board resolution that was passed concerning proper meeting times. Buckley explained the differing requests of committee members for starting times and his effort to balance those requests.

25. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor Gruszynski, seconded by Supervisor Schadewald to adjourn at approximately 8:00 pm. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Specialist



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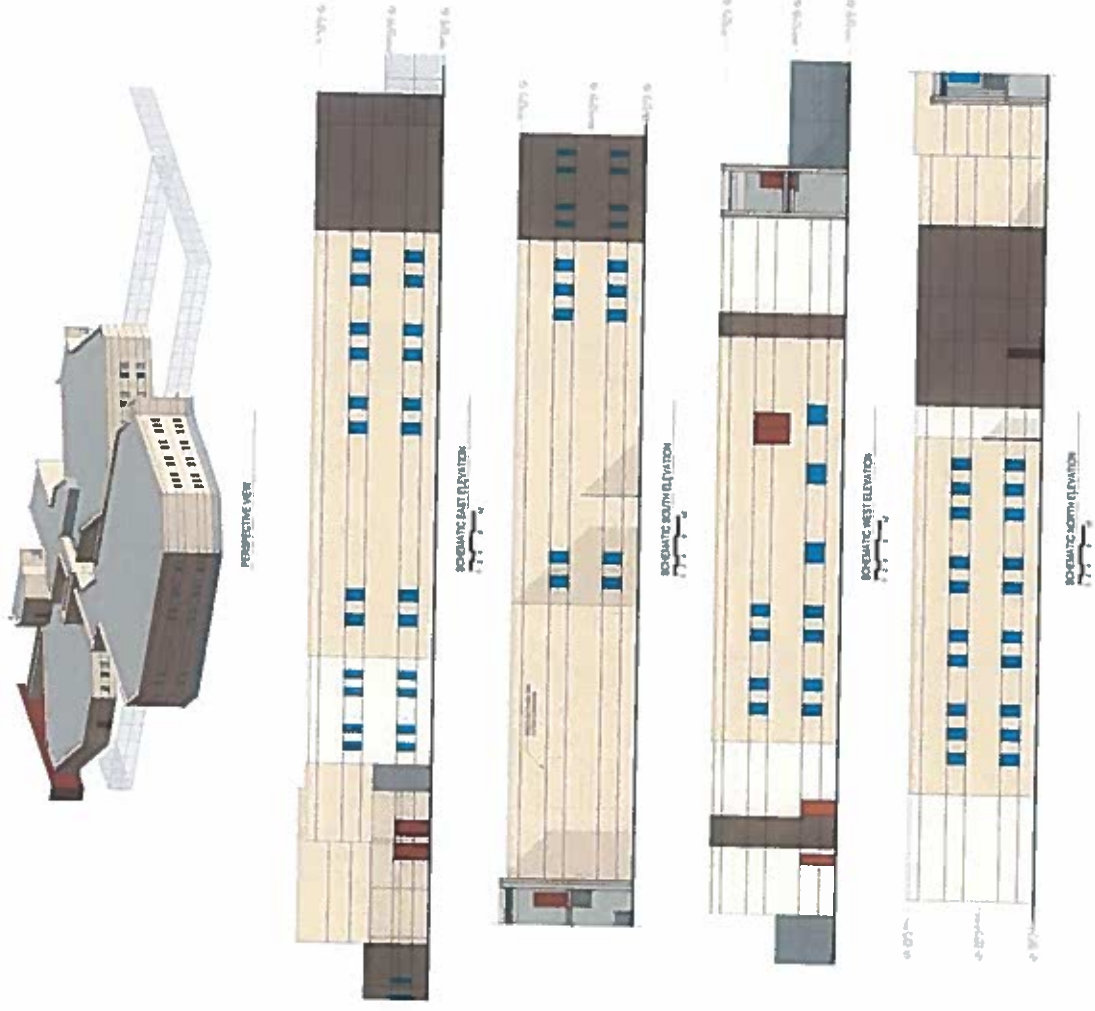


Overall Site Plan





Jail Expansion Elevations





Medical Examiner Building Status



PERSPECTIVE 1



Medical Examiner Building Status



PERSPECTIVE 2



Medical Examiner Building Status



PERSPECTIVE 3

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- Reviewing class and comp findings with HR. Over the last week, Jen from HR visited my office and spent time with the individual positions to better understand job duties within the Clerk of Courts office
- In early April, 5 Clerk of Courts staff members attended training on customer service related topics in Neenah
- 2 Juvenile staff members attended juvenile conference in late April. This is the 1st time both juvenile clerks have attended from Brown County.
- On Friday, April 26, 4 members of my staff and I visited GBCI. It was an eye opening experience and helped us understand inmates limitations in filing and understanding what is in the court record. Law libraries and computer access are available in all State prisons.
- My office participated in National Crime Victims Rights week to remind victims to update their mailing address so we can get them their restitution.
- SDC is doing excellent on collections for 2019. Restitution has been about 3 times the normal.
- We have another 20,000 cases moving from an existing collection agency to SDC in the next 4 months

Thousands of dollars waiting to be claimed by crime victims

BROWN COUNTY, Wis. (WBAY) - Brown County has thousands of dollars waiting to be claimed by victims of crimes.



Money, Photo Date: 2/2/2018 / Photo: Pixabay / (MGN)

There's been a sudden surge in unclaimed funds from all types of crimes, including thefts, drunk driving incidents and homicides.

A judge often orders a defendant pay restitution to the victim or the victim's family. The defendant doesn't always pay up. Mailboxes for some Brown County victims have sat empty for 20-30 years.

"We're confident over the next few years that this will continue for getting restitution to victims at a higher amount," says John Vander Leest, Brown County Clerk of Circuit Court.

The clerk says the county recently switched to a new collection agency. He says this agency is aggressive and works through the Department of Revenue to ensure victims are compensated.

"Since October, we've gotten \$97,000 back. Normally, we'd get \$100,000 for the whole year, so I think we're going to double or triple the amount of money we're collecting for victims," Vander Leest says.

There's one problem. They can't find all of the victims.

"We're getting a number of the checks returned," Vander Leest says.

Some of the cases are old. Victims have moved away. Vander Leest says they've tried to track down addresses. They've worked with the sheriff's office to find recipients of big checks.

"We've seen as high of checks as \$13,000. We've seen some \$10,000 checks," Vander Leest says.

The clerk is asking crime victims who are owed money in Brown County to update their mailing address by calling the Clerk of Courts Office.

Vander Leest says some people will be surprised to receive a restitution check, but he wants them to know that it is not a scam.

"Crime victims can be forgotten about because the case is concluded, but we want to make sure we can get as much restitution back to victims as we can," Vander Leest says.

To update your information or check on restitution, call the Brown County Clerk of Circuit Court's Office at (920) 448-4179. [CLICK HERE](#) for the Clerk of Circuit Court website.

3.33 FIREARMS RESTRICTED IN SPECIFIED COUNTY BUILDINGS.

(1) Definitions. (a) "Firearm" means a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.

(b) "Law Enforcement Officer" means a Wisconsin law enforcement officer as defined in §175.46(1)(g) Wisconsin Statutes or a federal law enforcement officer, as defined in §175.40(7)(a)1 Wisconsin Statutes.

(c) "Building" does not include a parking facility on county property or any part of a building used as a parking facility.

(2) No person shall carry a firearm into the following buildings owned, occupied or controlled by the county:

(a) Community Treatment Center, 3150 Gershwin Drive, Green Bay.

(b) Sophie Beaumont Building, 111 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay.

(c) Brown County Shelter Care, 2980 Saint Anthony Drive, Green Bay.

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(d) *Brown County STEM Building, 2019 Technology Way, Green Bay.*

(3) Signs notifying persons to not enter the above county buildings carrying firearms shall be posted in a prominent place near all entrances to the buildings. The signs shall meet or exceed the specifications set in §943.13 Wisconsin Statutes.

(4) EXCEPTIONS. The restriction on carrying firearms into specified county building shall not apply in the following circumstances:

(a) Subsection (2) shall not apply to any law enforcement officer carrying a firearm.

(b) Subsection (2) shall not apply to an on duty private security officer or on duty armored car personnel providing contracted services to the county.

(5) Violations of Subsection (2) shall be prosecuted under §943.13 Wisconsin Statutes.

